(c) the time by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The construction of Kazhakkuttam to Kovalam (length 22.5 kms) portion of Trivandrum Neyyattinkara bypass is in different stages of progress. A length of 2.82 kms has already been completed and opened to traffic. In a length of 7.43 kms, road works are in progress. Construction of another 10.25 kms is included in Annual Plan 1991-92. In the remaining 2 kms length, land is still to be acquired.

(b) A sum of Rs. 797.70 lakhs has been spent so far on construction of the byepass.

(c) As land acquisition proceedings in some portion are still in progress, it is too early to indicate the likely date of completion of the byepass.

Re-Employment of Army Deserters

5300. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether army deserters who had left their barracks in 1984 are proposed to be re-employed;

(b) if so, the number of such deserters; and

(c) the number of those who have been already re-employed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). Out of 2709 personnel of the Army, who were punished for various acts of indiscipline, including desertion, in the wake of Operation Bluestar (1984), 2297 personnel were retained in the Army. Of the remaining 412,50 have been re-employed by the Government of Punjab and 240 have been offered employment by the Central Ministries and Public Sector Undertakings. One person is undergoing life imprisonment on charge of murder.

The names of the remaining 121 personnel have already been circulated to Central Government Departments, Central Public Sector Undertakings etc for providing suitable employment on preferential basis in relaxation of age limit, educational qualifications and Employment Exchange procedures.

[Translation]

Road Accidents in Delhi

5301. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of road accidents in Delhi has increased due to fast driving of D.T.C. buses and private buses running under D.T.C. operation or S.T.A. permits; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to fix any speed limit to check the increase in number of such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Issue of Partly Convertible Debentures by Companies

5302. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of those companies, alongwith the size of their public issues, which have been permitted to issue partly convertible debentures with the provision that the conversion will take place after a pre-determined period on terms to be decided by the Controller of Capital Issues during 1990-91 and 1991-92 (upto 31 July);

(b) whether the Government have received any representations against this practice; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Names of companies, alongwith the size of their public issues, which have been permitted during April 1990 July 1991 to issue Partly Convertible Debentures with the provision that the conversion will take place after a pre-determined period on terms to be decided by the Controller of Capital Issues are indicated in the Statement enclosed.

(b)and (c). Conversion terms of Convertible Debentures Issues by Public Limited Companies are fixed by CCI keeping in view the overall interest of the investors. Representations/suggestions with regard to conversion terms of Convertible Debentures by a particular company as and when received by the office of the Controller of Capital Issues are given due consideration while deciding the matter.

S.No.	Name of the Company	Date of Censent	Amount of
1.	M/s. Tata Chemicals Ltd.	14.6.90	8050.00
2.	M/s. Spartek Granites Ltd.	19.6.90	250.00
3.	M/s. Steel Tubes of India Ltd.	31.12.90	660.00
4.	M/s. Escort Tractors Ltd.	31.12.90	2311.87

Handloom Production in Bihar

5303. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of handloom industries in Bihar;

(b) the estimated handloom production in Bihar during 1990-91;

(c) the accumulated stock as on March 31, 1991 under the Janata Cloth production programme purchased from handloom weavers in Bihar;

(d) the subsidy paid for the Janata Cloth production in Bihar during the last three years; year-wise; and

(e) the allocation under the scheme of market development assistance for Bihar for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT):